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## The Eastern Iowa DX Bulletin

For December 4, 2022 to December 11, 2022

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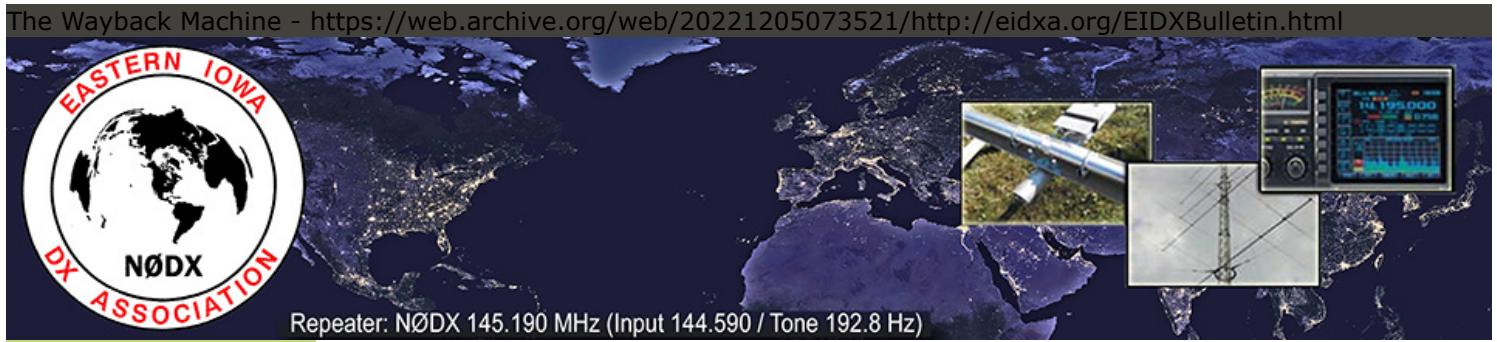
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03 Dec 2022 0931 GMT  
 SFI: **124** SN: **56**  
 A-Index: **16**  
 K-Index: **2**  
 X-Ray: **B4.9**  
 304A: **131.0** @ SEM  
 Ptn Flx: **20**  
 Ecl Flx: **1420**  
 Aurora: **4/n=1.99**  
 Mag (Bz): **1.3**  
 Solar Wind: **576.4**  
 Geomag Field **QUIET**  
 Sig Noise Lvl **S1-S2**  
 Current Solar Image



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100. QSL via LoTW. For more information see: <https://we-travel.at/>.  
-[DXNL # 2329 November 23, 2022] (1127-1211)

**5H, TANZANIA.** Ferdy, HB9DSP will be active holiday style as **5H3FM** from Zanzibar Island (AF-032), Tanzania from **November 25th to December 13th**. He will operate SSB and some FT8 on 20, 15 and 10 meters. QSL via LoTW (preferred), or via [HB9DSP](#).  
-[425DXN # 1647 November 26, 2022] (1127-1211)

**5V, TOGO.** Andy, KB9IJI has returned to Togo and operates as **5V7JA** during his spare time on HF using SSB and digital modes. QSL via eQSL or request via [kb9iji@gmail.com](mailto:kb9iji@gmail.com).  
-[DXNL # 2328 November 16, 2022] (1120-1211)

**5W, SAMOA.** Sigfrido, HB9FFN (IW9FMD), an agronomist who works for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), is now based in Apia, Samoa (OC-097) **for the foreseeable future**. In his spare time, he is QRV as **5WØRS** on 40, 20 and 10 meters SSB. QSL direct to [IT9VYO](#). Over the years Sigfrido operated from Malawi (7Q7RS), Tanzania (5HØRS), Afghanistan (T6AB), and more recently from South Sudan (Z81S).  
-[425DXN # 1647 November 26, 2022] (1127-1225)

**6Y, JAMAICA.** Last week we mentioned that Les, W8YCM, will once again be active as **W8YCM/6Y** from Negril Beach, Westmorland Parish, Jamaica, starting **November 27th until sometime in January 2023**. He updated his info stating that he will also be active as **6Y8LV** between **December 1-11th**. Activity is holiday style (his annual vacation) and mainly on SSB (watch 17 meters around 18157.5 kHz). QSL via [W8YCM](#) only. NO Bureau or electronic QSL.  
-[OPDX # 1585 October 24, 2022] (1127-1218)

**8Q, MALDIVES.** Sergey, RX3APM will be active again as **8Q7BB** from the Maldives (AS-013) on **December 4th-17th**. He will be QRV on 80-10m and plans to participate in the ARRL 10-Meter Contest (10-11 December). QSL via [RX3APM](#). [TNX DX World]  
-[425DXN # 1647 November 26, 2022] (1204-1218)

**9M2, WEST MALAYSIA.** Special event station **9M1ØØSK** is QRV **until December 31** in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Kedah Scouts. Activity is on 80 to 10 meters using SSB, CW, and various digital modes. QSL direct to [9W2TXL](#).  
-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 46 November 17, 2022] (1120-1218)

**9N, NEPAL.** Robert, **9N7AA** is QRV **until December 14th**. Activity is generally on 160 to 6 meters using FT8. QSL direct to [S57DX](#).  
-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 48 December 1, 2022] (1204-1218)

**A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.** Celebrating the 22nd edition of the FIFA World Cup to be held in Qatar, the Emirates Amateur Radio Society (EARS) will operate special callsign **A6ØFIFA** from **November 19th to December 19th**. QSL via [EA7FTR](#). Individual operators may append a serial number to the special callsign, and be active as A6ØFIFA/Ø, A6ØFIFA/1, etc. (see qrz.com for the QSL routes).  
-[425DXN # 1646 November 19, 2022] (1120-1218)

**C5, GAMBIA.** Andre, ON7YK is QRV as **C5YK** from Bijilo **until February 24th, 2023**. Activity is in his spare time on 20 to 10 meters using SSB, RTTY, FT8, and FT4. QSL direct to [ON7YK](#).  
-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 48 December 1, 2022] (1204-1225)

**CN, MOROCCO.** Special station **CN22JIM** will be active on **December 5th-18th** from Imlil in the High Atlas Mountain range of Morocco. The callsign's suffix stands for Journee Internationale de la Montagne (International Mountain Day). QSL via [RW6HS](#).  
-[425DXN # 1647 November 26, 2022] (1204-1218)

**CN, MOROCCO.** Celebrating the 22nd edition of the FIFA World Cup to be held in Qatar, the Association Royale des Radioamateurs du Maroc (ARRAM) will operate special callsign

**CN22CWQ** from **November 18th to December 20th**.

-[425DXN # 1646 November 19, 2022] (1120-1218)

**DL, GERMANY.** The DARC club Haan (DOK R24) celebrates its 45th anniversary with the callsign **DR45HAAN** until the end of September 2023. QSL via [ClubLog's QRS](#).

-[DXNL # 2330 November 30, 2022] (1204-1218)

**DXCC TOP TWENTY.** Here are the top 20 entities on ClubLog's "DXCC Most Wanted" list, last updated November 30, 2022:

1. P5	DPRK (North Korea)	11. FT5/X	Kerguelen Island
2. 3Y/B	Bouvet Island	12. YVØ	Aves Island
3. FT5/W	Crozet Island	13. VKØM	Macquarie Island
4. BS7H	Scarborough Reef	14. ZS8	Prince Edward & Marion Islands
5. CEØX	San Felix Islands	15. KH4	Midway Island
6. BV9P	Pratas Island	16. PYØS	Saint Peter And Paul Rocks
7. KH7K	Kure Island	17. PYØT	Trindade & Martim Vaz Islands
8. KH3	Johnston Island	18. KP5	Desecheo Island
9. 3Y/P	Peter I Island	19. VP8S	South Sandwich Islands
10. FT/G	Glorioso Island	20. KH5	Palmyra & Jarvis Islands

For the complete list, see <https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php>

-[KØCF December 3, 2022] (1204-1218)

**EA, SPAIN.** Celebrating Christmas, the HamRadioDX group will be active as **EG3HAM** on December 1st-25th, with certificates, "cash prizes" and a Christmas Draw (see qrz.com for complete information). Activity will be on 80-10 meters CW, SSB and FT8.

-[425DXN # 1647 November 26, 2022] (1127-1218)

**EA, SPAIN.** Special callsign **EE44CE** will be active on December 3rd-18th to commemorate the 44th anniversary of the promulgation of the Spanish Constitution of 1978, which marked the culmination of the transition of Spain to democracy. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to [EC5WR](#).

-[425DXN # 1648 December 3, 2022] (1204-1218)

**F, FRANCE.** Michel, F8GGZ and Serge F6HFI will be active as **TM2ØØLP** on December 10th-21st and 27th-29th to commemorate the 200th anniversary since the birth of Louis Pasteur (December 27, 1822), the French scientist renowned for his discoveries of the principles of vaccination, microbial fermentation, and pasteurization. QSL via [F8GGZ](#) (bureau preferred).

-[425DXN # 1647 November 26, 2022] (1204-1218)

**F, FRANCE.** The radio club Wingles, F4KLR (dept. 62), commemorates the 90th anniversary of the death of General Ferrie, a pioneer of military radio communication, with the callsign **TM9ØGF** until mid-December.

-[DXNL # 2330 November 30, 2022] (1204-1218)

**F, FRANCE.** The Radioamateurs du Val d'Oise (F4KKT) will operate special callsign **TM6DEO** on December 9th-21st in memory of their friend Marcel Chaillou, F6DEO, who passed away on December 21, 2021. QSL via the bureau.

-[425DXN # 1648 December 3, 2022] (1204-1225)

**F, FRANCE.** Special callsign **TM35FIST** will be used by Jean, F6JOE to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the FISTS CW Club (International Morse Preservation Society) on December 5th-11th. Previous activities were on May 2nd-15th and November 7th-13th. The Club (<https://fists.co.uk/>) was founded in 1987 by the late George Longden (G3ZQS), after recognizing a need for a club in which veteran operators would help newcomers and less experienced operators learn and improve CW proficiency. QSL via [F6JOE](#).

-[425DXN # 1647 November 26, 2022] (1204-1211)

**FS, SAINT MARTIN.** John K9EL, Paul K9NU, Ed N9EP and Bob W9AP will be active again as **TO9W** from Saint Martin (NA-105) from **November 30th to December 9th**. They will operate CW, SSB, FT8, FT4 and some RTTY with three stations. "The team's primary focus will be on 160, 80 and 40 meters during hours of darkness and CW on all bands", they say, but they "will also operate 30 through 6 depending on openings". QSL TO9W via LoTW, [ClubLog's OQRS](#) (preferred), or via [W9IYL](#). Certificates will be awarded for several categories of most band-modes worked during the operation; the number of band-mode QSOs will be taken from ClubLog's Leaderboard (all prior TO9W QSOs will be removed, and then merged back with the 2022 QSOs at the end of the operation). See <http://www.k9el.com/TO9W/TO9W.htm> for more information.

-[425DXN # 1645 November 12, 2022] (1127-1211)

**G, UNITED KINGDOM.** (The Transatlantic Centenary Tests) The Radio Society of Great Britain will be hosting an international amateur radio activation on the HF bands to celebrate the centenary of the achievement of amateur transatlantic communication during the Transatlantic Tests that were held between 1921 and 1923. In anticipation of this centenary celebration, the RSGB have renewed five callsigns which they held in the 1920s.

**G5WS:** used by the RSGB from Wandsworth, South London, 5WS was the callsign of the first European amateur radio station to be heard across the Atlantic during the third Transatlantic Tests (December 24, 1922).

**G5AT:** 5AT was the RSGB HQ callsign, activated in the fourth Transatlantic Tests of December 1923 and successfully heard in North America.

**G6XX:** activated in the fourth Transatlantic Tests, 6XX was given a special permit to use an input power of 1kW.

**G6ZZ:** used on July 5, 1924, 6ZZ was the callsign of the "Scotch Express" on its journey from London to Newcastle; it was the first experiment in operating an amateur radio station from a moving railway train.

**G3DR:** historic callsign, previously held by the RSGB as GM3DR for use in the Scottish Highlands.

Look for G5WS, G5AT, G6XX, G6ZZ and G3DR (England), **GD5WS** (Isle of Man), **GI5WS** (Northern Ireland), **GJ5WS** (Jersey), **GM5WS** (Scotland), **GU5WS** (Guernsey) and **GW5WS** (Wales) to be activated on **December 1st-31st**. QSLs via [MØOXO's OQRS](#) and LoTW. A series of awards will be available; full details will be published on <https://rsgb.org/main/activity/transatlantic-tests/tct/>.

-[425DXN # 1639 October 1, 2022] (1127-1225)

**H4, SOLOMON ISLANDS.** Remo, HB9SHD will be active as **H44SHD** from Uepi Island (OC-149), Solomon Islands on **December 6th-19th**. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 40-6 meters. From December 20th to January 3rd, he will be QRV as H44SHD/mm while on a diving cruise, with possible land based brief operations from other IOTA groups such as the Russell Islands (OC-168) and the Florida Islands (OC-158). QSL via [HB9SHD](#); the log will be uploaded to [ClubLog's OQRS](#) and eQSL.

-[425DXN # 1645 November 12, 2022] (1204-1225)

**HR, HONDURAS.** Gerard, F2JD, will once again be active as **HR5/F2JD** from Copan-Ruinas in Honduras from **November 23rd to March 13, 2023**. As usual he will be active on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. Paper QSL from [F6AJA](#) direct or via the REF Bureau. The logs will be posted on the LNDX Web site at:

<http://LesNouvellesDX.fr/voirllogs.php>

-[OPDX # 1582 October 3, 2022] (1120-1211)

**HS, THAILAND.** Lars, SM6NT is QRV as **HSØZME** from Hua Hin and is here until April 2, 2023. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using mainly CW. QSL to [SM6NT](#).

-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 45 November 10, 2022] (1120-1211)

**I, ITALY.** Bruno, IK1VHX will be active as **II1MM** from **December 1st to 31st**. The special callsign memorializes the 150th anniversary of the Istituto Idrografico della Marina Militare, the Hydrographic Institute that has been the official nautical charting agency of the Italian Navy since its establishment in 1872.  
-[425DXN # 1647 November 26, 2022] (1127-1225)

**J5, GUINEA BISSAU.** Carlos, CT2GQA is QRV as **J5JUA** until **December 15th** while on work assignment. Activity is in his spare time. QSL to [CT2GQA](#).  
-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 47 November 23, 2022] (1127-1218)

**JA, JAPAN.** Special event station **8J1H90T** is QRV until **March 31, 2023** to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the city of Hiratsuka. QSL via bureau, LoTW, eQSL.  
-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 48 December 1, 2022] (1204-1225)

**KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA.** The **K8H** DXpedition is slightly delayed. Bob, W7YAQ missed his plane from Orlando because of fog and is now **due to arrive on November 21st**. Al, K7AR flew from Portland and arrived on November 17th; he has not been sighted on the bands so far though. QSL via [W7YAQ](#), OQRS, LoTW.  
-[DXNL # 2329 November 23, 2022] (1127-1211)

**LU, ARGENTINA.** Hernan, LU1COP will be active as **LP1A/E** from Isla Martin Garcia (SA-055) on **December 8th-11th**. He will operate SSB and FT8 on 80-10m. QSL via LoTW, or via [EA7FTR](#).  
-[425DXN # 1648 December 3, 2022] (1204-1211)

**ON, BELGIUM.** UBA Section Bruxelles-Est (ON5UB) will be active as **OR78NUTS** on **December 9th-11th** to commemorate the 78th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge during World War II. The suffix of the special callsign is General Anthony C. McAuliffe's famous single word reply in response to a surrender ultimatum. QSL via [ON5UB](#).  
-[425DXN # 1648 December 3, 2022] (1204-1211)

**PA, NETHERLANDS.** Celebrating Christmas and the New Year, special callsigns **PA22XMAS** and **PD22SANTA** will be active on **December 1st-31st**, while **PD23HNY** will be QRV from **December 1st until mid-January**. QSL cards will not be issued, but a certificate will be available for download (see <https://www.qrz.com/db/PA22XMAS>).  
-[425DXN # 1647 November 26, 2022] (1127-1225)

**S2, BANGLADESH.** Barring any setbacks, team S21DX will be active as **S21DX** from Dhal Char Island (AS-140) on **December 10th-16th**. Plans are for eight operators (S21AM, S21BK, S21D, S21IT, S21MK, S21OM, S21RC and S21TG) to be QRV with two SSB stations, one FT8 (F/H) station, and one station for QO-100 satellite (SSB). QSL direct to [EB7DX](#); all QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log. See <https://s21dx.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/s21dx> for information and updates.  
-[425DXN # 1648 December 3, 2022] (1204-1218)

**SP, POLAND.** To celebrate the 95th Anniversary of the Polskie Radio Katowice broadcasting station, the following special-event stations will operate from **November 26 to December 11**: **3Z95PRK**, **HF95PRK**, **SN95PRK**, **SO95PRK**, **SP95PRK** and **SQ95PRK**. QSL via the Bureau. An Award will be offered for working those stations, which can be downloaded from <http://logsp.pzk.org.pl>. See the Rules and details at <http://www.qrz.com/db/sn95prk>

73, Robert SQ9FMU  
-[KB8NW November 15, 2022] (1120-1211)

**SV, GREECE.** Special callsign **SX338M** is for members of the Radio Amateur Association of Western Peloponnese to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Hellenic Air Force's 338 Squadron on **December 1st-31st**. QSL via LoTW and eQSL.  
-[425DXN # 1647 November 26, 2022] (1127-0101)

**T8, PALAU.** Tony, JH1FFW is QRV as **T88RC** until December 5th. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL to [JH1FFW](#).  
-[ARRL DX Bulletin # 48 December 1, 2022] (1204-1211)

**V8, BRUNEI DARUSSALAM.** Didier, F5NPV is now active with the callsign **V85NPV** (previously V85/F5NPV). He will remain in Brunei's capital for several years and operate on HF. QSL via eQSL, LoTW; no paper cards are available.  
-[DXNL # 2329 November 23, 2022] (1127-1218)

**VU, INDIA.** Datta, VU2DSI will be active once again as **AU2JCB** from November 25th to December 13th to commemorate the birthdate (November 30, 1858) of Indian physicist and radio pioneer Jagadish Chandra Bose. He will operate SSB (3710, 7040, 7150, 14210, 14250, 14310, 21235, 21310, 21350, 28490, 28510 and 28545 kHz) and FM (29700, 50800 and 51500 kHz). QSL direct to [VU2DSI](#). Also QRV are expected to be **AU3JCB** (operated by VU2EVU) and **AU5JCB** (operated by VU2XPN).  
-[425DXN # 1645 November 12, 2022] (1120-1211)

**XE, MEXICO.** A team of six (Ismael, XE1AY, Javier, XE1JKW, Javier, XE1JR, Paty, XE1SPM, Ricardo, XE1SY and Enrique, XE2AA) will be active as **XF1S** from Tiburon Island in the rare NA-167 IOTA Group on December 4th-9th. They will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on 160-6 meters and via satellite. QSL via [ClubLog's OQRS](#), or via [IT9EJW](#). [TNX IT9EJW]  
-[425DXN # 1647 November 26, 2022] (1204-1211)

**XT, BURKINA FASO.** Harald, DF2WO will be active again as **XT2AW** from Burkina Faso on December 4th-17th. He will operate CW, SSB, FT8 and FT4 on all bands, with plans to be QRV also on QO-100. QSL via [MØOXO's OQRS](#).  
-[425DXN # 1648 December 3, 2022] (1204-1218)

**XW, LAOS.** Vincent, F4BKV will be active as **XW4KV** from Laos on December 2nd-23rd. Main activity will be on QO-100 from as many as 12 grids (details on <https://f4bkv.net/xw4kv.html>), with some activity on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters planned for 13-18 December. QSL via [F4BKV](#) and LoTW.  
-[425DXN # 1648 December 3, 2022] (1204-1225)

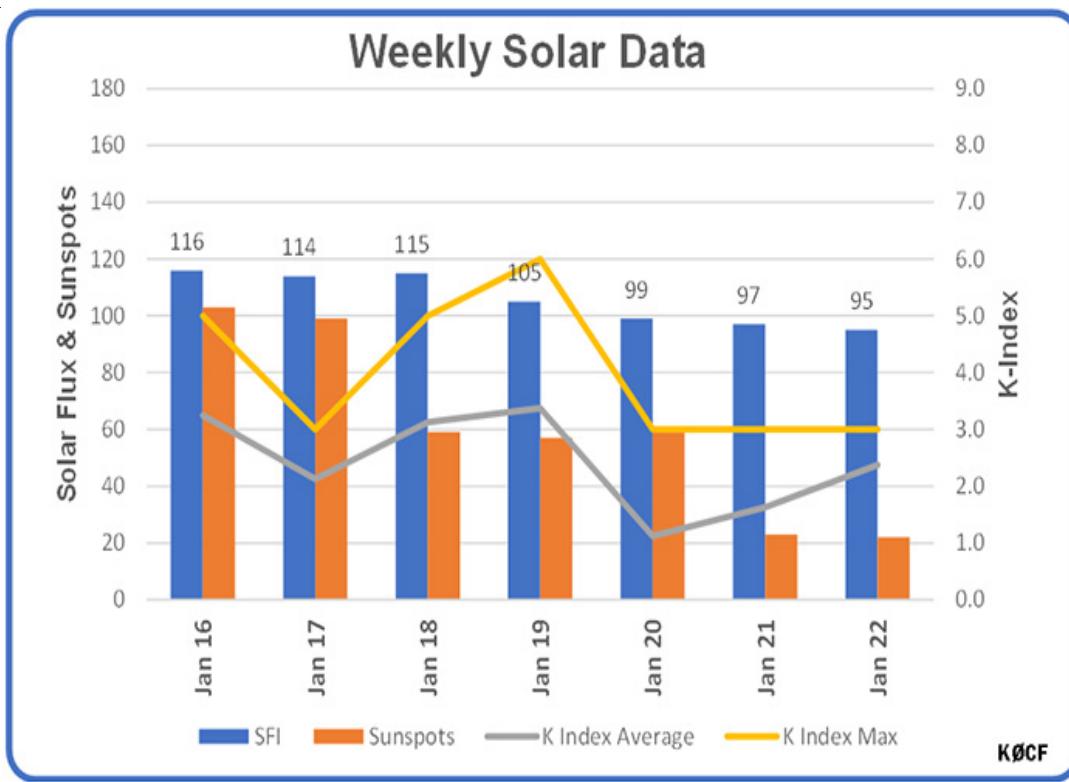
**YB, INDONESIA.** Indra, **YB8QT** is currently active from OC-210, Sangihe Islands and continues until 2024 or even 2025. QSL via [IK2DUW](#), LoTW.  
-[DXNL # 2330 November 30, 2022] (1204-1225)

**YJ, VANUATU.** Chris, VK2YUS is QRV as **YJØCA** from Efate, IOTA OC-035, until December 9th. Activity is in his spare time on 40 to 10 meters using SSB. QSL direct to [VK2YUS](#).  
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**YO, ROMANIA.** Special callsign **YR1400VT** will be used by members of Radio Club YO6KGS until June 30, 2023, to popularize the newly inaugurated Via Transilvanica, a long-distance trail (1400 km) used for hiking, cycling and horse riding that crosses Romania. More information can be found on <https://www.qrz.com/db/YR1400VT>. QSL via eQSL.  
-[425DXN # 1648 December 3, 2022] (1204-1225)

**ZA, ALBANIA.** Burkhard, DL3KZA is QRV as **ZA/DL3KZA** from Vlora and is here until December 13th. Activity is on 40 to 17 meters using mostly FT8. QSL to [DL3KZA](#).  
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## Propagation



The Weekly Solar Data chart plots Solar Flux Index (SFI), Sunspot number and Planetary K-Index for the past 7 days. With 8 Planetary K-index readings each day, only the maximum and average K-index values are plotted. **Note:** You may click [here](#) or on the chart above to see the same data for the past month.

Major solar flare activity is increasing! There were two M-class flares in the past couple of days.

The solar flux began the week at 107, then slowly and steadily increased to close the week at 134. The sunspot count began the week at 56, declined to only 12 on November 30th, then increased to close the week at 68. Geomagnetic conditions began the week moderately disturbed with the K-index at 4 to 5 through December 1st but have fallen to 3 for the last two days of the week.

Solar flux is predicted to be 130 on December 4th-5th, 125 on December 6th-7th, then 120, 125, 125 and 130 on December 8th-11th.

### Solar Flares This Week (Updated 08:30 AM 12/04/2022)

Date	UTC	Mag.
Dec 03, 2022	1741	M 1.2
Dec 01, 2022	0721	M 1.0

### Highs for Cycle 25:

Solar Flux: 180 on May 18, 2022.

Sunspots: 173 on May 16, 2022.

### Selected Upcoming Contests

Contest	Start	End	Web Site

ARRL 10-Meter Contest	Dec 10	0000Z	Dec 11	2359Z	<a href="#">Rules</a>
OK DX RTTY Contest	Dec 17	0000Z	Dec 17	2400Z	<a href="#">Rules</a>
RAC Winter Contest	Dec 17	0000Z	Dec 17	2359Z	<a href="#">Rules</a>
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	Dec 17	1500Z	Dec 18	1500Z	<a href="#">Rules</a>
ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW	Dec 18	1800Z	Dec 18	2359Z	<a href="#">Rules</a>
ARRL Kids Day	Jan 7	1800Z	Jan 7	2359Z	<a href="#">Rules</a>
ARRL RTTY Roundup	Jan 7	1800Z	Jan 8	2400Z	<a href="#">Rules</a>
North American QSO Party, CW	Jan 14	1800Z	Jan 15	0600Z	<a href="#">Rules</a>
North American QSO Party, SSB	Jan 21	1800Z	Jan 22	0600Z	<a href="#">Rules</a>
ARRL January VHF Contest	Jan 21	1900Z	Jan 23	0359Z	<a href="#">Rules</a>
CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW	Jan 27	2200Z	Jan 29	2159Z	<a href="#">Rules</a>
BARTG RTTY Sprint	Jan 28	1200Z	Jan 29	1200Z	<a href="#">Rules</a>

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